HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

A RESOLUTION to encourage the Indiana congressional delegation to oppose legislation that would impede states' rights.

Whereas, The 111th United States Congress proposes action that purports to limit states' rights to properly enact protective abortion laws, validate provisions sought to promote the welfare and safety of its citizens, and determine issues considered a compelling state interest;

Whereas, The proposed federal action would invalidate any "statute, ordinance, regulation, administrative order, decision, policy, practice, or other action" of any federal, state, or local government, or governmental official that would interfere with

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a woman's right to choose abortion;

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Whereas, The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides that "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people";

Whereas, The state of Indiana has exercised its Tenth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to regulate health care, including the matter of abortion, and to promote the health and welfare of its citizens; and

Whereas, The state of Indiana seeks to retain the right to enact reasonable provisions to regulate medical standards and requirements in the interest of protecting both women and unborn children: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives encourages the Indiana congressional delegation to oppose legislation that would impede states' rights.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the U.S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Defense, the U.S. Director of Homeland Security, Senator Evan Bayh, Senator Richard G. Lugar, Representative Dan Burton, Representative Steve Buyer, Representative Andre' Carson, Representative Joe Donnelly, Representative Brad Ellsworth, Representative Baron Hill, Representative Mike Pence, Representative Mark E. Souder, and Representative Peter Visclosky.

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